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Changes in the Tables

Consumer Price Indices

Colombia. A new series of consumer price indices, with original base July 1954-June 1955 = 100, is introduced in this issue. It is based on the consumption pattern of 212 wage earners' families in Bogotá composed of three or more persons, including at least one child under 15 years, according to a family budget survey conducted by the Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística in August 1953.

Prices for food and other items of current consumption are obtained twice a month on the market and once a month from stores in residential areas. Prices for clothing, durable consumer goods and services are obtained in the commercial centre of the city once every month or at longer intervals according to the degree of frequency in price changes for each category of items. Rent data are obtained every month for half of the tenants participating in the investigation.

The index is computed according to the formula of weighted aggregates, with use of the chain method and monthly links. The number of items and the percentage weights in the base period are as follows :

Group	No. of items	Percentage weights
Food	32	48.8
Housing	21	21.8
Clothing	21	12.2
Miscellaneous	33	17.2
Total	107	100.0

This new index has been linked in the Supplement at July 1954-June 1955 to the former index and is published on the base 1953=100.

For further details on the compilation of this series see *Boletin Mensual de Estadística, Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística*, No. 58, January 1956.

United Kingdom. A new index series of retail prices, with original base January 1956=100, is introduced in this issue. This index is based on the results of the household expenditure inquiry conducted between January 1953 and January 1954 throughout the United Kingdom among urban and rural households of all categories, excluding only households in which the gross income of the head of the family was in 1953 £20 per week or over and households relying mainly on national insurance pensions or assistance. Usable budgets were provided by 11,638 households, which represented 90 per cent. of all households covered by the expenditure survey.

Prices for food items and for a number of other commodities and services are collected from retailers in 200 representative towns. Prices for furniture, various household appliances, etc., are obtained by agents in more than 12 large urban areas. Rent data are also collected at regular intervals in a selection of urban and rural areas throughout the United Kingdom by agents visiting tenants of privately owned and local authority dwellings, let unfurnished. The items to be regularly priced represent 91 separately weighted sections of consumption. For each section a number of items have been selected for pricing.

The index is a weighted arithmetic average of price relatives with fixed base. The percentage weights, at January 1956 prices, are as follows :

Group	Percentage weights
Food	350
Alcoholic drinks	71
Tobacco	80
Housing	87
Fuel and light	55
Durable household goods	66
Clothing and footwear	106
Transport and vehicles	68
Miscellaneous goods	59
Services	58
Total	1,000

In the Statistical Supplement the new index has been linked at January 1956 to the former interim index and is published on base 1953 = 100.

Further details concerning the compilation of this series are to be found in *Report on Proposal for a New Index of Retail Prices*, Ministry of Labour and National Service (Cmd. 9710).

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SYMBOLS AND TYPES EMPLOYED

. = inapplicable or figures not available.
— = nil or negligible.
... = not yet received.
* = provisional.
r = revised since previous issue.

A line ——— placed between two figures in a column indicates that the figures above and below it are not strictly comparable or that a new series begins below the line (see footnotes).

Figures in *italics* : index numbers based on another year than 1953.

The countries are arranged by continents in alphabetical order.

Unemployment

Date	Africa		America			
	Southern Rhodesia	Union of South Africa	Canada			
	V (B) [1]	V (B)	I [2]		II [3]	
				%		%
1937	.	4 510	.	.	.	.
1948	280	12 173	111 000	2.2	94 686 r	...
1949	246	15 138	141 000	2.8	149 311 r	...
1950	244	16 282	185 000	3.6	181 024 r	...
1951	193	10 189	126 000	2.4	167 022 r	...
1952	234	12 140	155 000	2.9	219 326 r	...
1953	233	12 113	162 000	3.0	251 374 r	...
1954	143	13 717	246 000	4.5	356 764 r	...
1955	...	12 461	244 000	4.4	314 962 r	...
1955 : Feb.	140	13 936	402 000	7.5	619 701 r	17.8 r
Mar.	99	12 627	419 000	7.8	605 180 r	17.4 r
Apr.	107	12 311	341 000	6.3	353 928 r	10.9 r
May	...	13 187	224 000	4.0	240 708 r	7.4 r
June	...	13 450	166 000	3.0	186 321 r	5.7 r
July	...	13 370	156 000	2.7	167 728 r	5.1 r
Aug.	...	13 613	140 000	2.4	152 782 r	4.6 r
Sep.	...	11 781	149 000	2.6	145 419 r	4.3 r
Oct.	...	11 375	151 000	2.7	163 100	4.9
Nov.	...	10 660	174 000	3.1	219 786	6.5
Dec.	...	9 903	218 000	3.9	338 129	...
1956 : Jan.	...	11 579	312 000	5.7	476 946	...
Feb.	...	...	337 000	6.1	...	...
Persons cov. (thousands)	.	.	5 558 (1955)		3 268 (June 1955)	

Date	America (concl.)					Asia			
	United States [4]		Chile	Puerto Rico		Burma [6]	Ceylon	India	Israel
	I		V (B)	I		V (A)	V (A)	V (A)	V (B) [7]
		%			%				
1937	7 700 000	14.3	2 315	.	.	.	.	.	.
1948	2 064 000	3.4	3 203	.	.	2 446	53 513	224 900	1 320 [8]
1949	3 395 000	5.5	3 445	.	.	777	68 358	293 043	6 351
1950	3 142 000	5.0	2 937	98 000 [5]	13.7 [5]	2 049	68 471	314 336	5 908
1951	1 879 000	3.0	2 562	114 000	16.2	4 149	56 844	338 402	6 326
1952	1 673 000	2.7	3 274	100 000	15.2	4 782	51 603	383 992	9 413
1953	1 602 000	2.5	2 835	91 000	14.4	3 566	52 649	477 575	17 680
1954	3 230 000	5.0	3 824	97 000	15.4	3 136	56 513	562 319	13 201
1955	2 654 000	4.0	...	92 000	14.4	...	67 609	641 859	13 202 r
1955 : Feb.	3 383 000	5.3	3 634	.	.	2 360	66 667	605 933	12 800
Mar.	3 176 000	5.0	3 966	.	.	2 617	67 357	595 828	8 840
Apr.	2 962 000	4.6	4 079	67 000	10.4	2 438	65 321	606 506	7 700
May	2 489 000	3.8	4 351	.	.	2 467	65 289	607 112	9 490
June	2 679 000	4.0	4 157	.	.	3 059	65 756	624 074	8 820
July	2 471 000	3.7	3 975	88 000	13.6	3 366	66 974	666 145	9 520
Aug.	2 237 000	3.3	3 518	.	.	3 864	68 607	683 632	...
Sep.	2 149 000	3.2	3 419	.	.	4 328	69 174	693 775	...
Oct.	2 131 000	3.2	3 491	90 000	14.2	4 255	69 749	695 239	...
Nov.	2 398 000	3.6	3 666	.	.	3 704	70 603	618 164	...
Dec.	2 427 000	3.6	...	.	.	...	71 010	691 958	...
1956 : Jan.	2 685 000	4.4	...	...	...	...	74 186	...	...
Feb.	2 914 000	4.4	...	.	.	...	...	...	...
Persons cov. (thousands)	65 847 (1955)		.	.		.	.	.	.

I. Labour force sample surveys.
II. Compulsory unemployment insurance statistics.
III. Unemployment relief statistics.
IV. Trade union returns.
V. Employment office statistics.
V (A). Applicants for work registered.
V (B). Unemployed registered.

[1] Males (non-indigenous). [2] Estimated number of persons aged 14 years and over without jobs and actively seeking work; percentages based on total labour force; 1948-52: annual averages of less than 12 months. Beginning 1950: incl. Newfoundland. [3] Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit incl. claimants for short-time unemployment benefits; percentages based on total insured workers. [4] 1937: official estimate; 1953 data are adjusted with the new sampling design introduced in Jan. 1954; earlier data subject to revision. [5] Apr.-Dec. [6] 1948-49: Rangoon exchange only; beginning 1950: incl. Mandalay. [7] Jewish workers only; daily average during the month. [8] Jan.-Mar. and July-Dec.

Date	Asia *(concl.)*			Europe					
	Japan		Pakistan	Austria		Belgium			
	I		V (A)	V (B)		II[4]		II[5]	
		%			%		%		%
1937	295 443[1]	3.7[1]	.	320 961[3]	.	125 929	13.8	.	.
1948	240 000	0.7	77 983	43 409	2.3	80 959	4.0	48 244	2.4
1949	380 000	1.0	70 996	91 238	4.6	173 988	8.6	60 908	3.0
1950	440 000	1.2	96 439	124 850	6.2	169 972	8.3	53 565	2.6
1951	390 000	1.1	103 913	116 243	5.7	153 452	7.3	53 068	2.5
1952	470 000	1.2	107 079	156 975	7.7	173 570	8.3	72 968	3.5
1953	450 000	1.1	93 088	183 651	9.0	183 614	8.8	62 193	3.0
1954	580 000[2]	1.4[2]	88 504	163 827	7.9	166 926	8.1	57 826	2.8
1955	680 000	1.6	103 925	120 748	5.7	116 053	5.7	55 325	2.7
1955 : Feb.	660 000	1.7	98 833	218 478	10.4	169 868	8.3	127 662	6.2
Mar.	840 000	2.1	100 383	192 937	9.2	156 446	7.6	85 981	4.2
Apr.	700 000	1.7	99 548	119 652	5.7	129 797	6.3	40 787	2.0
May	660 000	1.5	96 759	86 324	4.1	111 909	5.5	39 114	1.9
June	680 000	1.6	99 691	75 690	3.6	97 870	4.8	39 076	1.9
July	720 000	1.7	104 518	70 704	3.3	90 285	4.4	35 534	1.7
Aug.	710 000	1.7	104 870	64 446	3.0	82 815	4.0	28 096	1.4
Sep.	670 000	1.6	111 098	69 007	3.2	81 436	4.0	28 506	1.4
Oct.	720 000	1.6	108 576	76 770	3.5	82 137	4.0	30 931	1.5
Nov.	570 000	1.3	112 773	92 560	4.3	96 632	4.7	33 305	1.6
Dec.	570 000	1.4	110 451	152 989	7.1	115 049	5.6	57 476	2.8
1956 : Jan.	680 000*	1.7*	112 476	199 352	...	136 020	6.6	100 248	4.9
Feb.	...	...	114 931	...	...	136 166	6.6	205 473	10.0
Persons cov. (thousands)	41 800 (1955)		.	2 136 (1955)		2 052 (June 1954)			

Date	Europe *(cont.)*						
	Denmark		Finland	France		Germany (Fed. Rep.)	
	IV[6]		V (B)	III	V (B)	V (B)	
		%					%
1937	95 630	21.7	3 695[8]	354 554	379 994	.	.
1948	51 644	8.6	3 473	16 737	77 803	591 532	4.2
1949	59 041	9.6	25 683	39 748	131 062	1 229 711	8.3
1950	54 829	8.7	19 194	52 355	152 891	1 579 766	10.2
1951	63 024	9.7	5 622	40 313	120 129	1 432 323	9.0
1952	81 645	12.5	8 294	39 269	131 799	1 379 203	8.4
1953	61 018	9.2	29 135	62 389	179 967	1 258 597	7.5
1954	54 143	8.0	18 678	62 390	183 300	1 220 607	7.0
1955	65 939[7]	9.7	9 310	51 985	158 610	928 308	5.1
1955 : Feb.	116 512	17.1	24 305	68 395	209 197	1 814 887	.
Mar.	95 336	14.0	26 053	67 244	198 806	1 405 511	7.9
Apr.	43 113	6.4	19 434	62 256	179 919	893 716	.
May	33 609	5.0	5 008	56 980	161 734	731 104	.
June	26 415	3.9	—	50 647	142 916	650 499	3.6
July	28 519	4.2	—	44 839	128 068	566 926	.
Aug.	31 150	4.6	—	43 171	125 393	512 353	.
Sep.	39 235	5.8	—	38 072	128 954	494 994	2.7
Oct.	46 806	6.9	164	41 359	137 879	510 195	.
Nov.	66 526	9.8	3 337	42 658	142 673	602 977	.
Dec.	153 132	22.5	12 259	44 017	144 982	1 046 005	5.7
1956 : Jan.	118 964	17.4	20 583	48 469	161 364	1 252 730	.
Feb.	139 899*	20.5*	...	49 738	162 750	1 827 241*	.
Persons cov. (thousands)	675 (1954)		.	.	.	18 053 (1955)	

The roman numerals and other abbreviations used in this table are explained on p. 78.

[1] Official estimate. [2] Beginning Apr. 1954 : incl. the Amami Islands. [3] Applicants for work. [4] 1937 : voluntary unemployment insurance statistics ; beginning 1948 : wholly unemployed only (daily average). [5] Daily average of partially and temporarily unemployed. [6] Unemployment among insured members of trade union funds.

Date	Europe *(cont.)*							
	Ireland			Italy		Luxembourg	Netherlands	
	II [1]		V (A)	V (B)[3]		III	V (B)[5]	
		%			%			%
1937	.	.	81 760	874 000	4.6	18	324 044	.
1948	35 129	9.4	61 203	1 742 000[4]	8.9[4]	17	29 033	1.0
1949	34 906	9.0	60 606	1 672 708	8.6	19	42 125	1.5
1950	30 347	7.5	53 415	1 614 940	8.3	38	57 681	2.0
1951	30 406	7.3	50 453	1 721 088	8.8	28	67 750	2.3
1952	38 565	9.1	60 688	1 849 680	9.5	26	104 256	3.5
1953	43 213[2]	9.6[2]	70 562[2]	1 946 533	10.0	33	83 338	2.7
1954	37 500	8.1	62 436	1 958 680	10.0	64	59 989	1.9
1955	32 009	6.8	55 223	1 913 414	9.8	...	41 273	...
1955 : Feb.	39 171	8.3	71 202	2 095 039	10.7	131	70 053	2.2
Mar.	38 284	8.1	68 451	1 961 166	10.1	170	50 835	...
Apr.	40 087	8.5	68 966	1 936 952	9.9	4	34 986	...
May	34 756	7.3	61 424	1 870 017	9.6	1	29 758	...
June	30 710	6.5	51 230	1 814 024	9.3	—	26 326	...
July	25 644	5.4	40 993	1 813 222	9.3	—	30 031	...
Aug.	27 395	5.8	41 658	1 780 057	9.1	1	28 143	...
Sep.	23 463	5.0	36 992	1 768 894	9.1	4	26 813	...
Oct.	26 201	5.5	41 158	1 818 500	9.3	...	28 355	...
Nov.	29 384	6.2	54 151	1 893 416	9.7	...	35 846	...
Dec.	28 445	6.0	54 446	2 052 521	10.5	...	51 930	...
1956 : Jan.	38 395	8.1	70 049	2 155 788	11.1	...	53 700	...
Feb.	38 094	8.0	70 366	2 223 667	11.4	...	59 000	...
Persons cov. (thousands)	474 (1956)		.	19 490 (1951)		.	.	

Date	Europe *(cont.)*							
	Norway		Saar		Spain	Sweden		
	V (B)		V (B)		V (B)	IV		
		%		%		[9]	[9] %	
1937	29 881[6]	.	.	.	.	67 351	10.8	
1948	9 026	1.0	6 640[8]	2.5[8]	117 020	25 747[10]	2.8[10]	
1949	7 715	0.8	6 051	2.2	160 056	26 116	2.7	
1950	8 974	0.9	6 358	2.3	166 182	22 124	2.2	
1951	11 132	1.1	4 319	1.5	144 238	18 238[11]	1.8[11]	
1952	11 634	1.2	3 862	1.3	106 544	22 330	2.3	
1953	14 357	1.5	4 647	1.5	107 178	27 189	2.8	
1954	12 695[7]	1.3[7]	7 143	2.2	122 603	25 474	2.6	
1955	12 542	1.2	7 039	2.1	112 100*	23 906	2.4	
1955 : Feb.	22 199	2.2	9 061	2.8	129 522	37 116	3.8	
Mar.	19 320	2.1	8 938	2.8	127 590	.	.	
Apr.	16 233	1.6	7 500	2.3	118 813	20 254	2.0	
May	7 192	0.7	6 828	2.1	104 197	.	.	
June	3 458	0.3	6 428	2.0	97 380	14 456	1.4	
July	2 297	0.2	6 415	2.0	98 915	.	.	
Aug.	3 886	0.4	6 234	1.9	102 510	13 880	1.4	
Sep.	5 283	0.5	5 953	1.8	106 618	.	.	
Oct.	7 869	0.8	5 979	1.8	111 626	14 892	1.5	
Nov.	12 670	1.2	5 849	1.8	111 644	.	.	
Dec.	24 142	2.4	5 748	1.7	111 200*	42 837	4.3	
1956 : Jan.	28 185	2.8	6 966	2.1	...	.	.	
Feb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Persons cov. (thousands)	.		328 (1955)		.	979 (1954)		

The roman numerals and other abbreviations used in this table are explained on p. 78.

[1] Excl. agriculture, fishing and private domestic service; incl. partially unemployed. [2] Beginning Jan. 1953: scope of data enlarged due to application of Social Welfare Act, 1952. [3] Percentages based on the economically active population. 1937: 1936 population census; beginning 1948: 1951 population census. [4] Average of Jan.-June and Oct.-Dec. [5] Excl. persons employed on emergency public works. [6] Applicants for work. [7] Beginning Feb. 1954: excl. unemployed farmers owning more than 20,000 sq. m. of land. [8] June-Dec. [9] Beginning 1953: average of Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec. [10] Beginning 1948: incl. agricultural workers. [11] Beginning Nov. 1951: excl. commercial workers.

Date	Europe *(concl.)*				
	Switzerland	United Kingdom [2]			
	V (B) [1]	V (B) [1]		V (B) [3]	
			%		%
1937	57 949	1 324 027	8.5	205 063	1.5
1948	2 971	329 300	1.6	8 700	—
1949	8 059	328 400	1.6	9 600	—
1950	9 599	332 100	1.6	9 000	—
1951	3 799	264 100	1.2	17 300	0.1
1952	5 314	368 400	1.7	94 100	0.4
1953	4 995	356 300	1.7	23 700	0.1
1954	4 328	302 900	1.4	14 900	0.1
1955	2 712	243 500	1.1	21 000	0.1
1955 : Feb.	8 388	301 283	1.4	16 952	0.1
Mar.	2 866	286 031	1.3	20 978	0.1
Apr.	1 281	257 749	1.2	38 621	0.2
May	934	228 976	1.1	27 011	0.1
June	810	210 349	1.0	32 571	0.1
July	709	194 835	0.9	20 978	0.1
Aug.	701	208 869	0.9	19 558	0.1
Sep.	863	209 921	0.9	20 085	0.1
Oct.	1 081	227 292	1.0	13 916	0.1
Nov.	2 004	243 875	1.1	11 563	0.1
Dec.	3 337	236 462	1.0	10 830	0.1
1956 : Jan.	5 233	284 423	1.3	17 932	0.1
Feb.	18 572	282 474	1.3	29 922	0.1
Persons cov. (thousands)	.	21 660 (June 1954)			

Date	Oceania			
	Australia	Hawaii		New Zealand
	III	I		V (B)
			%	
1937	.	.	.	.
1948	2 629	9 448	4.9	67
1949	10 332	21 436	11.2	92
1950	1 224	17 698	9.4	37
1951	791	8 298	4.3	38
1952	16 601	8 422	4.4	47
1953	24 268	9 542	4.9	85
1954	6 524	11 759	6.0	58
1955	2 861	9 924	5.0	60
1955 : Feb.	4 119	10 940	5.6	48
Mar.	4 086	10 600	5.5	68
Apr.	3 453	10 130	5.2	52
May	2 794	9 530	4.9	79
June	2 679	12 320	6.3	65
July	2 410	10 270	5.0	58
Aug.	2 188	9 100	4.4	48
Sep.	1 832	9 210	4.6	72
Oct.	1 727	8 580	4.3	72
Nov.	1 677	8 730	4.4	41
Dec.	3 245	8 750	4.4	22
1956 : Jan.	4 742	9 500	4.8	34
Feb.	6 128	...	...	29
Persons cov. (thousands)	.	197 (1954)		.

The roman numerals and other abbreviations used in this table are explained on p. 78.

[1] Wholly unemployed. [2] 1937-June 1948, the statistics refer to persons insured under the Unemployment Insurance Acts; beginning July 1948 they relate to all registered unemployed, and the percentages are based on the estimated total number of wage and salary earners aged 15 years and over insured under the National Insurance Scheme. [3] Persons temporarily laid off.

Consumer Price Indices

Country	Africa					
	Algeria	Egypt	Northern Rhodesia[5]	Southern Rhodesia[8]	Tangier	Tunisia
Town or number of localities	Algiers	Cairo	8	6[9]	Tangier	Tunis
	[1]		[6]			[10]
1937	*42*	34[4]	56[7]	.	.	43
1948	*76*	95	80	73	65	60
1949	*93*	94	84	78	72	74
1950	*93*	99	87	84	91	77
1951	**100**	108	91	89	107	86
1952	101[2]	107	97	97	104	97
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	101	96	103	100	93	101
1955	101	96	107	101	93	104
1955 : Feb.	100	96	106	100	95	105
Mar.	100	96	106	100	95	104
Apr.	101	95	106	101	94	105
May	101	95	107	101	92	103
June	100	95	108	101	94	102
July	100	95	108	101	93	102
Aug.	101	96	107	101	91	104
Sep.	101	96	107	101	92	104
Oct.	103	96	108	102	91	102
Nov.	103	96	108	103	92	102
Dec.	104	96	108	103	92	104
1956 : Jan.	102	96	109	103	93	...
Feb.	104	...	...	103	...	...

Country	Africa (concl.)	America			
	Union of South Africa[11]	Canada	United States	Argentina	Barbados
Town or number of localities	9	11-33[13]	46[14]	Buenos Aires	
	[12]				
1937	50	55	54	15	.
1948	77	84	90	31	*74*
1949	80	87	89	40	*74*
1950	83	89	90	51	*77*
1951	89	98	97	69	*86*
1952	97	101	99	96	**100**
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**[15]	**100**	**100**[16]
1954	102	101	100	104	99
1955	105	101	100	117	101
1955 : Feb.	104	101	100	113	102
Mar.	105	100	100	114	102
Apr.	105	101	100	115	101
May	104	101	100	115	101
June	105	100	100	116	101
July	105	100	100	117	101
Aug.	105	101	100	117	101
Sep.	106	101	100	118	101
Oct.	106	101	100	118	100
Nov.	106	101	101	119	100
Dec.	106	101	100	124	101
1956 : Jan.	106	101	100	123	101
Feb.	...	101	100	122	100

[1] 1938-51 : index of retail food prices. [2] 1938. [3] Oct.-Dec. ; new index of consumer prices. [4] June-Aug. 1939. [5] Index for non-indigenous population. [6] Excl. " miscellaneous ". [7] Aug. 1939. [8] Index for Europeans ; 1948-51 : seasonal movements eliminated ; beginning Jan. 1952 : seasonal movements not eliminated. [9] 1948-51 : five localities. [10] Food group only. [11] Index for white population. [12] Incl. direct taxes. [13] Food prices collected in 33 localities ; other items priced in 11-33 localities. [14] 1937-52 : food prices collected in 56 localities ; other items priced in 34 localities. [15] Revised series ; former series linked to revised series. [16] June-Dec. ; new series, replacing former series.

Country	America *(cont.)*						
	Brazil	British Guiana	British Honduras	Chile	Colombia	Costa Rica	Cuba
Town or number of localities	São Paulo	Georgetown	Belize	Santiago	Bogotà	San José	Havana
1937	15[1]	37[2]	39[3]	9	24	37	.
1948	62	74	82[4]	39	68	80	.
1949	61	77	79[4]	46	73	87	.
1950	64	84	80	53	88	96	.
1951	70	90	95	65	95	102	.
1952	82	100	104	80	93	100[6]	.
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	118	103	99	172	109	103	97[7]
1955	139	106	100	302	109[5]	106	97
1955 : Feb.	131	105	99	232	109	107	96
Mar.	133	106	99	247	110	106	98
Apr.	136	107	99	268	111	106	97
May	137	107	100	281	111	106	97
June	139	107	101	294	109	106	98
July	141	107	102	300	108	107	98
Aug.	142	107	101	312	107	106	98
Sep.	143	106	101	336	106	105	98
Oct.	146	107	100	356	108	105	97
Nov.	147	105	101	378	109	106	97
Dec.	148	106	103	394	110	109	97
1956 : Jan.	...	106	103	...	111	109	...
Feb.	...	...	103	...	...	108	...

Country	America *(cont.)*					
	Dominican Republic	Ecuador	Guatemala	Honduras	Jamaica	Mexico
Town or number of localities	Ciudad Trujillo	Quito	Guatemala City	Tegucigalpa	Kingston	Mexico City
						[10]
1937	.	.	.	51	31[9]	19
1948	97	.	83	83	72	71
1949	93	.	89	87	75	74
1950	93	92[8]	95	91	79	79
1951	100	97	99	100	90	89
1952	101	99	97	98	100	102
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	98	104	103	106	98	105
1955	98	106	105	115	100	121
1955 : Feb.	97	106	101	110	100	112
Mar.	97	106	101	109	99	116
Apr.	97	107	102	116	98	117
May	98	107	102	122	99	118
June	100	108	108	123	100	120
July	99	107	111[7]	126	102	121
Aug.	99	109	112	127	101	126
Sep.	99	110	105	111	102	127
Oct.	97	105	102	109	100	129
Nov.	98	103	102	110	100	129
Dec.	97	103	105	108	99	129
1956 : Jan.	98	...	...	109	...	129
Feb.	...	...	...	110	...	130

[1] 1939. [2] Mar.-Dec. 1938. [3] Sep. 1939. [4] July. [5] New series, linked to former series. [6] New series ; former series linked to new series. [7] Sep.-Dec. [8] Aug.-Dec. [9] Aug. 1939. [10] Excl. rent and " miscellaneous ".

Country	America *(cont.)*					
	Neth. Antilles	Panama	Peru	Puerto Rico	St. Vincent	Trinidad
Town or number of localities	Curaçao	Panama City	Lima	6		
	[1]					
1937	.	.	18	.	.	.
1948	.	.	60	93	75	.
1949	95[2]	.	69	85	74	.
1950	93	.	78	84	77	.
1951	98[3]	.	86	92	83	.
1952	100[4]	101	92	97	94	98
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	99	99	105	103	100	101
1955	103	99	110	...	104	106
1955 : Feb.	98	.	109	102	100	105
Mar.	104	99	109	102	105	106
Apr.	104	.	110	102	105	105
May	.	.	110	102	105	105
June	104	100	110	102	106	106
July	104	.	110	102	106	106
Aug.	104	.	111	101	106	107
Sep.	104	100	111	102	106	107
Oct.	104	.	112	102	106	106
Nov.	104	.	112	102	104	105
Dec.	104	99	112	...	104	106
1956 : Jan.	...	.	113	...	104	106
Feb.	...	.	...	...	...	106

Country	America *(concl.)*		Asia			
	Uruguay	Venezuela	Burma	Ceylon	China[10] (Taiwan)	Cyprus
Town or number of localities	Montevideo	Caracas	Rangoon	Colombo	Taipei	4
		[5]				
1937	40	51[6]	27[7]	38[9]	6[11]	*37*[12]
1948	71	103	96[8]	91[8]	.	*104*
1949	75	101	130	90	10	**100**
1950	72	100	110	95	50[8]	82[13]
1951	82	102	107	99	66	92
1952	94	101	103	98	85	96
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**[8]	**100**	**100**
1954	112	102	96	100	102	104
1955	122	...	...	99	...	110
1955 : Feb.	118	101	91	99	110	106
Mar.	119	102	93	98	111	106
Apr.	119	100	92	99	109	108
May	119	102	92	99	108	110
June	119	102	95	99	108	111
July	123	100	101	99	108	108
Aug.	125	99	105	98	110	111
Sep.	122	...	106	98	116	113
Oct.	124	...	102	99	117	114
Nov.	125	...	103	99	119	117
Dec.	128	...	...	100	...	114
1956 : Jan.	129	...	...	100	119	115
Feb.	128	...	...	98	...	116

[1] Incl. direct taxes. [2] June-Dec. [3] Average of Feb., Mar., July-Nov. [4] Average of Jan.-June, Aug.-Dec. [5] Food, soap and coal only. [6] 1938. [7] Excl. rent. [8] New series; former series linked to new series. [9] Aug.-Dec. 1939. [10] Index for middle-class public servants. [11] Jan.-June. [12] Aug. 1939. [13] New series, replacing former series.

Country	Asia *(cont.)*				
		India			
Town or number of localities	Hong Kong[1]	27	Bombay	Delhi	Jamshedpur
1937	.	.	29	.	.
1948	77	.	83	94	88
1949	86	94	85	94	90
1950	90	95	86	94	94
1951	98	98	91	101	104
1952	99	97	93	102	101
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	98	95	99	98	91
1955	94	90*	93	93	88
1955 : Feb.	93	89	95	92	88
Mar.	94	89	94	90	86
Apr.	92	87	94	90	84
May	92	87	93	87	83
June	92	88	92	87	84
July	96	90	94	93	87
Aug.	97	91	94	95	89
Sep.	96	90	92	95	89
Oct.	96	91	91	96	91
Nov.	94	92*	91	97	92
Dec.	95	92*	91	106	92
1956 : Jan.	...	92*	...	...	...
Feb.	...	...	...	...	...

Country	Asia *(cont.)*					
	Indonesia	Iran	Iraq[4]	Israel	Japan	Korea (South)
Town or number of localities	Djakarta	7	Baghdad	8	28	9[9]
	[2]			[6]		[10]
1937	4[3]	12	20[5]	14[7]	.	.
1948	47	94	137	48	62	2
1949	46	102	110	49	82	3
1950	53	84	100	46	77	7
1951	89	87	107	50	89[8]	28
1952	94	94	115	78[8]	94	69
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	106	118	98	112	106	135
1955	141	122	101	...	105	229
1955 : Feb.	126	122	99	116	106	199
Mar.	132	123	98	117	106	201
Apr.	134	125	97	117	106	204
May	135	126	99	117	106	216
June	137	122	100	118	105	237
July	137	120	102	119	105	253
Aug.	140	120	103	118	105	264
Sep.	151	119	103	119	105	274
Oct.	154	119	103	...	106	252
Nov.	161	120	104	...	104	230
Dec.	160	121	105	122	103	232
1956 : Jan.	...	124	106	...	104	236
Feb.	...	125	...	...	...	...

[1] Index for clerical and skilled technical workers. [2] Index of free-market retail prices of 19 foodstuffs. [3] July 1938. [4] Index for unskilled labourers. [5] 1939. [6] 1939-Aug. 1951 : incl. direct taxes. [7] Aug. 1939. [8] New series ; former series linked to new series. [9] 1948-Oct. 1951 : six to eight localities. [10] Excl. rent.

Country	Asia *(cont.)*					
	Laos[1]	Lebanon[2]	Malaya (Federation)		Pakistan	
Town or number of localities	Vientiane	Beirut	Kuala Lumpur		Karachi	Narayanganj
		[4]	[6]	[7]	[8]	
1937	.	23[5]	.	.	.	.
1948	.	114	75	.	.	.
1949	.	107	71	73	88	94
1950	51[3]	99	76	81	85	90
1951	53	107	100	101	88	94
1952	74	107	103	103	90	101
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	123	95	94	94	98	84
1955	...	97	91	91	94	...
1955 : Feb.	124	95	92	93	94	78
Mar.	125	95	92	92	94	73
Apr.	128	94	91	92	93	72
May	124	95	91	91	92	77
June	124	97	91	90	92	83
July	124	97	91	90	94	81
Aug.	124	97	91	90	95	86
Sep.	124	98	91	90	96	104
Oct.	...	98	91	90	96	97
Nov.	...	99	91	91	96	...
Dec.	...	99	92	91	94	...
1956 : Jan.	...	100	...	...	...	...
Feb.	...	...	...	...	...	...

Country	Asia *(concl.)*				Europe	
	Philippines	Syria	Thailand[12]	Viet-Nam	Austria	Belgium
Town or number of localities	Manila	Damascus	Bangkok	Saigon	Vienna	62
		[10]			[8]	[8]
1937	28	18[11]	6[13]	3[14]	15[16]	24
1948	114[9]	122	74	**100**	50[3]	95
1949	108	103	71	56[15]	61	92
1950	105	88	74	57	70	91
1951	111	102	82	64	89	99
1952	107	109	90	79	101	100
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**[9]
1954	96	92	99	113	103	101
1955	95	91	105	124	105	101
1955 : Feb.	93	89	102	115	104	100
Mar.	93	87	104	113	104	100
Apr.	93	85	107	121	103	100
May	94	86	107	121	103	99
June	94	88	104	120	105	100
July	95	89	105	121	105	101
Aug.	96	90	105	127	105	101
Sep.	96	95	104	129	107	102
Oct.	96	97	108	136	107	102
Nov.	96	98	105	135	107	102
Dec.	97	98	109	137	107	102
1956 : Jan.	97	100	112	135	107	102
Feb.	93	...	...	...	107	102

[1] Index for Laotians, middle class. [2] July-Dec. [3] Index for salaried employees. [4] Incl. direct taxes. [5] June-Aug. 1939. [6] Index for Chinese labourers. [7] Index for Malay labourers. [8] Excl. rent. [9] New series ; former series linked to new series. [10] Food, soap, kerosene and cigarettes only. [11] 1938. [12] Index for clerical workers and civil servants. [13] Apr. 1938-Mar. 1939. [14] 1939. [15] New series, replacing former series. [16] Mar. 1938.

Country	Europe *(cont.)*					
	Denmark	Finland	France	Germany (Federal Republic)[5]	Greece	Iceland
Town or number of localities	3-200	1-33 [2]	Paris	9-106	Athens	Reykjavik
1937	48 [1]	.	4[4]	59[4]	0.3	17[6]
1948	81	64	60	93	63	54
1949	82	68	70	99	72	55
1950	87	78	77	93	78	73[7]
1951	96	94	91	100	87	89
1952	100	98[3]	101	102	92	100
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	101	100	100	100	115	101
1955	107	96	101	102	122	105
1955 : Feb.	.	95	101	101	117	102
Mar.	.	95	101	101	120	102
Apr.	105	96	101	101	120	103
May	.	96	101	101	121	103
June	.	96	101	101	123	104
July	107	96	100	103	122	105
Aug.	.	97	100	102	123	105
Sep.	.	97	101	102	124	105
Oct.	110	98	102	103	124	109
Nov.	.	98	102	104	124	110
Dec.	.	98	102	104	125	111
1956 : Jan.	111	101	102	104	125	111
Feb.	.	104	103	104	126	112

Country	Europe *(cont.)*					
	Ireland	Italy	Luxembourg	Netherlands	Norway	Portugal
Town or number of localities	118	61 [10]	9	21 [12]	3-53 [15]	Lisbon
1937	43	2[4]	27 [11]	38 [13]	45	.
1948	79[8]	86	83[3]	78	74	99
1949	80	87	88	83	74	101
1950	81	86	91	91	78[3]	101
1951	87	94	99	99[14]	90	99
1952	95	98	100	100	98	99
1953	**100**[9]	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	100	103	101	104	105	100
1955	103	106	101	106	105	101[r]
1955 : Feb.	101	104	101	107	105	101[r]
Mar.	.	104	100	107	105	101[r]
Apr.	.	105	100	105	105	100[r]
May	102	106	100	106	106	100[r]
June	.	107	100	107	106	99[r]
July	.	106	101	107	106	99[r]
Aug.	103	106	101	106	106	100[r]
Sep.	.	106	101	106	106	101[r]
Oct.	.	106	101	106	106	102[r]
Nov.	105	106	101	106	106	103[r]
Dec.	.	107	101	106	106	104[r]
1956 : Jan.	.	108	101	106	106	104
Feb.	106	110	101	107	106	105

[1] Incl. direct taxes. [2] 1948-49 : 1-32 localities. [3] New series ; former series linked to new series. [4] 1938. [5] Consumers' group with monthly consumption expenditure in 1950 of approx. DM 300. [6] 1939. [7] Mar.-Dec. ; new series ; former series linked to new series. [8] Interim index, excl. " miscellaneous " ; former series linked to interim index. [9] New series ; former interim index linked to new series. [10] Towns of over 50,000 inhabitants. [11] Excl. rent. [12] 1937-49 : six localities ; 1950-51 : nine localities. [13] 1937-50 : incl. direct taxes. [14] New series, replacing former series. [15] 1937-49 : 3-31 localities.

Country	Europe *(cont.)*				
	Saar	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	Turkey
Town or number of localities	Saarbrücken	50	70 [2]	33-122	Istambul
1937	.	27 [1]	49	[4] 59	26 [6]
1948	63	79	77	96 [5]	89
1949	69	83	78	95	97
1950	71	92	79	94 [5]	93
1951	86	100	92	98	91
1952	99	98	99	101	97
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	100	101	101 [3]	101	110
1955	102	105	104	102	119
1955 : Feb.	101	104	101	101	113
Mar.	103	104	102	101	112
Apr.	103	105	103	101	112
May	103	105	103	101	113
June	102	105	103	101	117
July	101	105	104	102	120
Aug.	101	105	104	102	122
Sep.	101	106	105	102	122
Oct.	103	107	106	102	124
Nov.	103	107	107	102	128
Dec.	103	107	107	102	130
1956 : Jan.	104	108	107	102	...
Feb.	107	...	107	102	...

Country	Europe *(concl.)*		Oceania			
	United Kingdom	Yugoslavia	Australia	Fiji [10]	Hawaii	New Zealand
Town or number of localities	12-200	20 [9]	6	Suva	Honolulu	10-21 [12]
1937	.	.	38	39 [11]	.	52
1948	77	.	56	80	96	74
1949	79	.	62	81	94	76 [5]
1950	81	.	68	83	91	80
1951	89	124	82 [5]	90	97	89
1952	97 [7]	95	96	101	99	96
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	102	98	101	105	101	105
1955	106	111	104	105	102	107
1955 : Feb.	104	107	.	.	.	.
Mar.	104	109	.	.	102	.
Apr.	105	110	103	106	.	107
May	105	114		.	.	
June	107	111		.	102	
July	107	114	104	105	.	108
Aug.	106	112		.	.	
Sep.	107	112		.	103	
Oct.	108	114	105	104	.	108
Nov.	110	113		.	.	
Dec.	110	114		.	103	
1956 : Jan.	109 [8]	113	.	106	.	.
Feb.	109	115	.	.	.	.

[1] July-Dec. 1939. [2] Number of areas ; 1937-June 1954 : 60 localities. [3] July-Dec.; new series, linked to former series. [4] 1937-Mar. 1950 : excl. " miscellaneous ". [5] New series ; former series linked to new series. [6] 1938. [7] New series, based on 1950 consumption data ; former interim index linked to new series. [8] New series, linked to former series. [9] 1951-53 : 51 localities. [10] Index for Indian workers. [11] Aug. 1939. [12] 1937-48 : 10-25 localities.

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